

Indiana Professional Standards Board

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Praxis Test Diagnostic Preparation Program

Teacher candidates who are planning to retake a Praxis test may enhance their preparation efforts with the new Praxis Diagnostic Preparation Program (DPP), which became available with the September 13, 2003 test session from ETS. DPP provides <u>detailed</u>, <u>customized</u> feedback about test performance so that the candidate may better understand strengths and weaknesses and focus test preparation efforts accordingly.

The service may be ordered any time <u>within four months after the test is taken</u> and includes a feedback report based on personal test results. Additional information about the program and costs may be found on the ETS web site http://www.ets.org/praxis/prxorder.html#dpp Order the Diagnostic Preparation Program by completing the form on the web site or by calling 609-771-7395 within four months after the test date.

Substitute Reimbursement

Beginning January 1, 2004, the reimbursement for substitutes for teachers who attend IPSB committee meetings will increase to \$80 per day.

Mentors for Rules 2002 Beginning Administrators

Do you have a beginning administrator with a two-year Rules 2002 initial practitioner license working in your school? If so, that person should be enrolled in the two-year mentoring and assessment program. The mentor for that beginning administrator should attend one of two training sessions scheduled for March 3 and 4. For information on those training sessions, contact Kent Stoelting kstoelting@psb.state.in.us

Did you know? There are currently 35 IPSB approved mentor training programs preparing mentors for the two-year Indiana Mentoring and Assessment Program. By July 1, 2006, all mentors for beginning teachers must have completed an approved mentor training program. http://www.in.gov/psb/beginningteachers/mentorapproved.html